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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported in the recently published UN Human Development Report that Indiais loosing two billion dollars every year due to migration of professionals from Indian Universities;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action the Government propose to take to stop this loss to Indian exchequer?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): As per Human Development Report 2001of the UNDP, it has been estimated that migration of professionals costs India $2 billion financial loss per annum. These are very simplistic estimates and do not take into consideration a number of related factors like remittances from abroad, return of professionals with better know how, greater role of Indian professionals in growing global knowledge economy. In India, a substantial portion of growth in export of software services is attributed to this mobility of Indian software professionals.